(b) if so, what is the extent of damage and to what extent it affected sugarcane recovery and sugar production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central and State Governments concerned conducted surveys of sugarcane crop to monitor the status of sugarcane pyrilla and its bio-control agents since April, 1985. The major incidence of sugarcane pyrilla was noticed only in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab. Since the sugarcane crop was at early stage, massive ground control operations were launched by the State authorities and out of 5.79 lakh hectares of infested area, 4.63 lakh hectares of infested area was treated by the middle of July, 1985. Bio-control potential has also been identified at various places which is likely to build up rapidly during the current monsoon season. According to the latest available information from the State Governments, the pyrilla situation is now under control and the crop has been saved from damage.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply (a) above.

Purchase of Walt Disney Films

413. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan propose to buy Walt Disney films and dub these in various regional languages in a bid to boost the quality of children's films; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir It has been decided to procure 26 episodes of Walt Disney animated films of 25 minutes duration each at a total cost of US $ 11,050. On receipt of these series, its possibility for being dubbed in Hindi will be explored.

Corruption in the DDA

414. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a large scale corruption in the DDA;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a committee comprising Members of Parliament together with very high officials to go into the working of DDA; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) There have been complaints of corruption in the Delhi Development Authority.

(b) and (c) The working of D. D. A. was last reviewed by the Baveja Committee in the year 1978. There is no proposal to have a Committee comprising Members of Parliament together with high officials to go into the working of D. D. A. Complaints of corruption are investigated|enquired into as and when these come to the notice of Government and necessary action taken.